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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 31, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

Three Month Extension of Time (in duplicate)

Response

No additional fee is required for additional independent, Dependent or Multiple Dependent Claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication not covered by check or credit card payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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